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The reply brief filed April 25, 2006 has been fully considered. The claims remain rejected for the reasons detailed in the response mailed April 3, 2006. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R. Kruer whose telephone number is 571-272-1510. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

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